

REMARKS

In the Notice of Allowability mailed with the Notice of Allowance on August 11, 2004, the Examiner provided a statement for reasons for allowance which included subject matter not found in the independent claims. In order to clarify the situation, the claims have now been amended to bring out how the relatively smooth and relatively textured terms defined conditions with respect to each other. In other words, "relatively textured" means that the distal portion of the coil is relatively textured as compared to the relatively smooth proximal portion of the coil, while the "relatively smooth" proximal portion of the coil is relatively smooth as compared to the relatively textured distal portion of the coil. This has now been set forth in all of the independent claims, rendering the relative terms consistent and easy to understand. Thus there is no need to limit those terms to a particular size or manufacturing method, because the specific sizes and manufacturing methods set forth in the specification are illustrative examples only and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention.

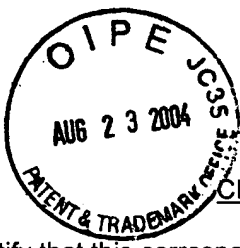
The prior art has been reviewed and it is submitted that the claims clearly distinguish applicant's invention over the prior art references. In view of the foregoing, an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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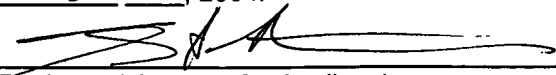
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